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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF, TW, VM, US
SUBJECT: FURTHER DEMARCHE ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REFS: (A) TAIPEI 3700, (B) STATE 140875

1. FOLLOWING IS SEPTTEL REFERRED TO IN REF (A).
2. MOFA HAS ON JUNE 14 PROVIDED FOLLOWING STATISTICS
ON NUMBERS OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IT HAS RESCUED,
ASSISTED OR RESETTLED SINCE FALL OF VIETNAM:

BEGIN QUOTE:

INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, INCLUDING THOSE OF CHINESE
ORIGIN, RESCUED, ASSISTED OR RESETTLED BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE R.O.C. IN THE PROVINCE OF TAIWAN
SINCE APRIL 1975

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TOTAL: 7,424

1. RESCUED BY CHINESE AIR FORCE & SHIPS 1,131
2. PICKED UP AT SEA 213
3. CAME FROM THIRD COUNTRIES (SUCH AS

THAILAND, KOREA) 243

4. CAME FROM VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS
INDIVIDUALLY (AND PRESUMABLY BY THEIR
OWN MEANS) 2,343

5. VIETNAMESE, CAMBODIAN AND LAOTIAN
STUDENTS TAKEN CARE OF BY THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (NOTE:
THESE PEOPLE ALREADY IN TAIWAN APRIL '75) 2,041

6. RESCUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
ROC THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF RED CROSS 1,233

7. BOAT CASE REFUGEES RESCUED (11 RESETTLED
IN TAIWAN, 53 LEFT FOR THE U.S., THE
REST ALSO HOPE TO BE RESETTLED IN THE
U.S.) 220

END QUOTE

3. MOFA HAS ON JUNE 14 PROVIDED FOLLOWING STATISTICS
ON REFUGEES FROM THE CHINESE MAINLAND RESETTLED IN
THE PROVINCE OF TAIWAN THROUGH THE HELP OF THE FREE
CHINA RELIEF ASSOCIATION SINCE 1950
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TOTAL 163,302

1950-1976 162,504

1977 798

4. ITEM 6 PARA 2 ABOVE REFERS TO THE HO CHI MINH
CITY-BANGKOK-TAIPEI FLIGHTS. THROUGH JUNE 8 THERE
HAVE BEEN SEVEN SUCH FLIGHTS WHICH BROUGHT IN 1,233
PERSONS, ACCORDING TO MINISTER SHEN ON JUNE 12.
FLIGHT NUMBER 8 IS SCHEDULED FOR ABOUT JUNE 22 WHEN
ANOTHER 150 PERSONS ARE EXPECTED. MINISTER SHEN ON
JUNE 12 EXPLAINED THAT SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE ICRC WERE IN TAIWAN IN EARLY JUNE TO DISCUSS
SPEEDING UP OF THESE AIREVAC FLIGHTS; PROVIDED THE
PROGRAM CAN BE CONTINUED TO COMPLETION, MINISTER
SHEN EXPECTS THAT AN ADDITIONAL 1500 PERSONS CAN BE
REMOVED FROM THE SRV AND BROUGHT TO TAIWAN; THIS
WOULD BRING THE TOTAL TO OVER 2700 PERSONS. MINISTER
SHEN (AS AMBASSADOR UNGER REPORTED PREVIOUSLY)
STRONGLY URGED WE TREAT THIS PROGRAM UNDER ICRC

AUSPICES AS CONFIDENTIAL.

5. ITEM 7 PARA 2 DESCRIBES THE BOAT REFUGEE SITUATION. THE GROG HAS RESCUED IN TAIWAN 220 SUCH REFUGEES. THAT TOTAL IS ONE OFF FROM THE U.S. FIGURE FOR A SIMILAR PERIOD APPARENTLY BECAUSE WE COUNT ONE CHILD BORN IN TAIWAN TO A REFUGEE MOTHER AS A REFUGEE; THE GROG IS APPARENTLY COUNTING ARRIVALS ONLY. THERE WAS A NEW ELEMENT BROUGHT OUT BY MINISTER SHEN ON JUNE 12 WITH REGARD TO PRESENT BOAT REFUGEES HERE, I.E. THAT THE GROG WAS PREPARED TO RESETTLE ANY REFUGEES AMONG THE PRESENT GROUP OF BOAT REFUGEES HERE THAT COULD NOT

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GO TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE U.S. PROGRAM EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE NOT REPEAT NOT ETHNIC CHINESE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS POSSIBILITY HAS BEEN MENTIONED ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN IMPLICIT IN WHAT WE HAVE BEEN URGING THE GROG TO DO IN OUR DEMARCHES ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.

6. MOFA ALSO JUST ADVISED THAT THE CONTACT POINT FOR U.S. OFFICIALS IN MALAYSIA FOR RECEIVING ANY APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT IN TAIWAN BY ETHNIC CHINESE BOAT REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA IS:

FAREAST TRADING AND TOURISM CENTER

SDN BHD
ROOM 5-5, WISMA M.I.S.C.
NO. 2, JALAN CONLAY
KUALA LUMPUR 04-09, MALAYSIA
UNGER

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